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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF ADMIRAL SOUTO CRUZ TO U.S.

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1. CHMAAG AND EMBOFF MET WITH NAVY CHIEF ADM SOUTO CRUZ
JUNE 27 AND MADE POINTES CONTAINED PARAS 1 AND 2 REF A.

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AS FAR AS SOUTO CRUZ AND PRESUMABLY PRESIDENT EANES WERE
CONCERNED, WASHINGTON WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS MILITARY
ASSISTANCE COMMITMENTS BEYOND FY 79. SOUTO CRUZ IS NOT
INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS
ALREADY BUDGETED.

2. WHEN CHMAAG REEMPHASIZED THAT WASHINGTON OFFICIALS COULD

NOT DISCUSS POSSIBLE EQUIPMENT DELIVERIES BEYOND FY 79 PROGRAM, SOUTO CRUZ COUNTERED WITH "COMMITMENTS EMBODIED IN THE NATO SUMMIT-APPROVED LTDP" AND ALLEGED EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN RE PORTUGUESE FORCE MODERNIZATION AND ARMED FORCES STABILITY ON THE PART OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECDEF BROWN. HE NOTED THAT WHILE PORTUGUESE ARMY AND AIR FORCE NEEDS MIGHT BE ADDRESSED ON A YEAR-TO-YEAR BASIS (THE SHORT TERM), NAVY UPGRADING IS A LONGER TERM ISSUE. CONSEQUENTLY, HE EXPLAINED HE WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS WAYS IN WHICH THE GOP CAN FULFILL ITS ALLIANCE COMMITMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE LTDP. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, HE CONTINUED, HAS REVIEWED AND ENDORSED PORTUGUESE PRESENTATIONS OF EQUIPMENT NEEDS AND THE ALLIES HAVE MADE APPROVING NOISES. NEVERTHELESS, NON-US ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FORCE MODERNIZATION EFFORT HAVE BEEN "ALMOST ZERO."

3. SOUTO CRUZ THEN RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF AMMUNITION AND HEAVY INDUSTRY PRODUCTION FACILITIES IN PORTUGAL FOR NATO UNDER U.S. LICENSE. HE STRESSED THAT SUCH PRODUCTION FACILITIES--FOR WHICH THE DOMESTIC INFRASTRUCTURE ALREADY EXISTS--WOULD CONSTITUTE A REAL PORTUGUESE CONTRIBUTION TO LTDP INITIATIVES "AT NO COST TO NATO." PORTUGAL, HE MAINTAINED, CANNOT REMAIN DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN LOANS OR MILITARY ASSISTANCE GRANTS. IN-COUNTRY PRODUCTION FACILITIES WOULD PROMOTE PORTUGUESE ECONOMIC RECOVERY WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY CONTRIBUTING TO OVERALL NATO OBJECTIVES. HE WOULD PREFER
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TO PURSUE THIS POSSIBILITY BILATERALLY WITH THE U.S. AND NOT WITH NATO.

4. COMMENT: CONVERSATION CONFIRMED EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENTS CONCERNS THAT PORTUGUESE EXPECTATIONS OF ADDITIONAL GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE HAVE BEEN BOLSTERED. SENSING POTENTIAL WASHINGTON RESISTANCE TO LONG-TERM MAP COMMITMENTS, SOUTO CRUZ WAS QUICK TO LINK FORCE MODERNIZATION GOALS TO LTDP AND CARTER/EANES BILATERAL. CHMAAG INDICATED THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD DISCUSS THE ISSUE FURTHER WITH WASHINGTON AND KEEP HIM ADVISED.

5. SOUTO CRUZ NOW UNDERSTANDS THAT DISCUSSIONS OF MAP BEYOND FY 79 AT NOT POSSIBLE, BUT STILL WANTS TO PROCEED WITH DISCUSSIONS ALONG LINES DESCRIBED PARAS 2-4 ABOVE, INCLUDING WAYS IN WHICH OTHER ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS MIGHT BE STEPPED UP. NEVERTHELESS, IF HIS VISIT MATERIALIZES, SOUTO CRUZ CAN BE EXPECTED TO RAISE THE 1976 FORCE MODERNIZATION CONCEPT, GOP CONCERN THAT THOSE PROGRAM GOALS HAVE NOT BEEN MET, F5S, P-3S, AND FRIGATE MODERNIZATION. ON TIMING, HE WILL BE IN LONDON THE THIRD WEEK IN JULY. OTHERWISE HE IS FLEXIBLE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON AGENCIES' RESPONSE TO
DISCUSSIONS SUGGESTED BY SOUTO CRUZ IN PARAS 2-4. OKUN UNQUOTE
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